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SUBJ: REACTIONS OF CHILEAN OAS AMBASSADOR AND JOSE FIGUERES

TO CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS CHARGES

REF: SAN JOSE 2995

1. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TRUCCO CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE  
AT OAS CONFERENCE SITE JULY 18 TO REFUTE ALLEGATIONS  
MADE IN LETTER TO PRESIDENT OAS MEETING OF  
PLENIPOTENCIARIES FROM LEADING COSTA RICANS CALLING  
FOR DIFFUSION OF STUDY OF INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION (REFTEL). TRUCCO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT  
EX-PRESIDENT FIGUERES HAD CALLED TO DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM  
THE VERBATIM TEXT OF THE LETTER IN WHICH FIGUERES' NAME  
APPEARS AT HEAD OF LIST OF 46 COSTA RICAN POLITICAL  
FIGURE SIGNATURES.

2. IN DECLARATIONS TGGPRESS, TRUCCO NOTED THAT THE  
CONTENT OF THE INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
REPORT ON CHILE HAD BEEN GIVEN WIDE DIFFUSION, CONTRARY  
TO CHARGES IN LETTER, INCLUDING THE UN COMMISSION  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENEVA IN FEBRUARY. HE ALSO  
EXPLAINED THAT THE RECENT PLANNED VISIT OF THE  
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WORKING GROUP OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO

CHILE HAD BEEN POSTPONED AND NOT CANCELLED, AND READ THE PINOCHET-ORILA LETTER OF JULY 9 FOR DETAILS. (TRUCCO REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, THUS INCURRING THE IRE OF BOTH LOCAND AND U.S. MEDIA.)

3. EX-PRESIDENT FIGUERES IS QUOTED IN "EXCELSIOR," JULY 19, THAT HE WAS SURPRISED WHEN HIS NAME APPEARED ON THE LETTER AS IF HE WERE THE DRAFTER, THAT CERTAIN REMARKS ABOUT THE GOC WERE NOT APPROPRIATE, THAT THE AUTHORS OF THE LETTER ("TRUSTED INTELLECTUALS") HAD TOLD HIM THAT FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO HAD APPROVED THE TEXT, AND THAT THEREFORE HE AUTHORIZED USE OF HIS NAME WITHOUT READING THE LETTER. FIGUERES ADDED THAT HE TOLD CHILEAN AMBASSADOR HE IS "TOO OLD FOR SUCH TRICKS," AND THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH AMBASSADOR'S EXPLANATION ABOUT THE POSTPONING OF THE STUDY GROUP VISIT.

4. COMMENT: FIGUERES' EXPLANATION IN LIGHT OF HIS PERSONALITY AND STYLE, IS PLAUSIBLE. THE INCIDENT HAS HAD ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT IN THE RIO TREATY PROCEEDINGS.

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